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NOTES

NATO: THE ALLIANCE MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH GENERALLY APPROVING OF THE US PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION ON THE US-USSR TALKS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS, HAVE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN THAT THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TIME FOR ADEQUATE DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE TALKS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NATO SECRETARY GENERAL BROSIÖ AND SEVERAL OF THE COUNCIL PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES BELIEVE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION WILL HAVE TO BEGIN THIS MONTH IF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ARMS LIMITATION TALKS FOR THE ALLIANCE ARE TO BE FULLY CONSIDERED. THEY APPEAR TO BE AWARE, AS A RESULT OF US PRODDING, THAT MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE ANALYTICAL EFFORT ON THEIR PART. THEY ARE MOST INTERESTED IN THE US VIEWPOINT ON SOVIET THINKING CONCERNING THE STRATEGIC BALANCE.

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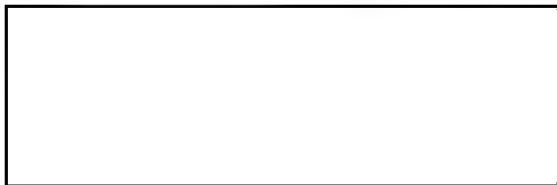
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